THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) No,Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Protection of Indian Mutual Funds Industry

1677. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the U.S. based Principal Financial Group is on a buying spree in India to dominate the Indian Mutual Funds Industry;

(b) if so, the details of their deals during the last two years and of their financial position in our country; and

(c) whether Government are considering proposals to privide protection to Indian Mutual Funds Industry facing tough competition from the above group?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) Principal Mutual Fund is a Mutual Fund registered with SEBI. It has 12 schemes. In May, 2003, principal Mutual Fund had acquired the remaining 50% stake of IDBI in its joint venture IDBI-Principal Mutual Fund. It has applied for acquiring 10 schemes of SUN F&C Mutual Fund.

(c) SEBI has made it mandatory for Mutual Funds acquiring schemes to inform all unit holders individually about relevant details and give them an exit option at the prevailing NAV without levying any exit load.

Structural adjustment loans for Maharashtra

1678. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have received proposal from the Government of Maharashtra to get a structural adjustment loan from World Bank to restructure its old high-cost debts with the new less expensive ones;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken on the proposal; and

(c) whether Government have received similar proposal from other